

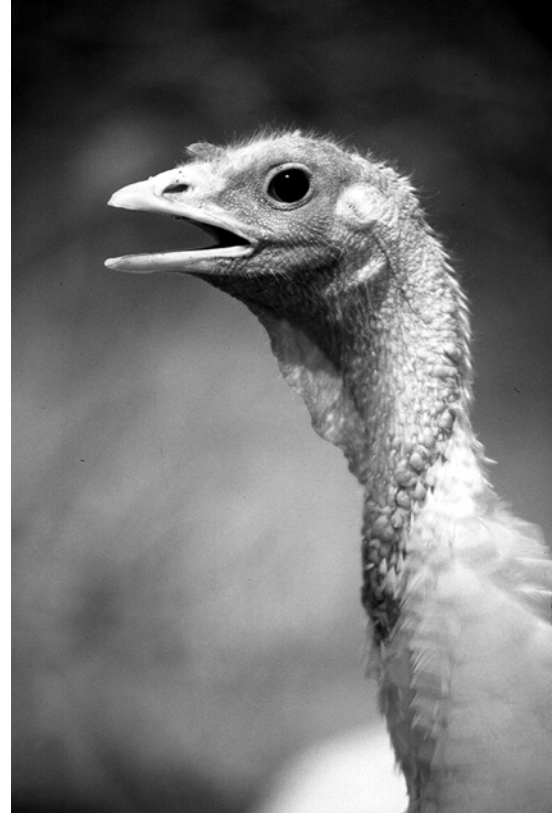
POULTRY SUMMARY

In 2004, Minnesota turkey growers ranked first in turkeys raised and in pounds produced. Minnesota growers raised 46.5 million turkeys, 3 percent above 2003. The total liveweight of turkeys produced was 1.23 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. The average price received for turkeys in 2004 was 42 cents per pound and the value of the state's turkey production in 2004 was \$515.6 million.

During 2004, hatcheries in the West North Central Region (which includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota) placed 105.6 million turkey poults, down 2 percent from 2003.

Minnesota's total chicken inventory (excluding broilers) on December 1, 2004 was 14.5 million birds, down 1 percent from the previous year. The state's egg production in 2004 was 2.93 billion eggs, down 3 percent from 2003. The value of eggs produced was down 5 percent in 2004 to \$142.3 million. The all-egg price decreased to 58.3 cents per dozen. The annual average number layers on farms was down 5 percent to 10.9 million.

In 2004, the number of broilers produced was up 3 percent to 46.3 million. In 2004, value of broiler production increased to \$101.9 million. These poultry estimates are based on survey data reported by producers, hatcheries, and processing plants.



TURKEY PRODUCTION MINNESOTA, 1992-2004

